

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS (GACEC)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7:00 PM

**George V. Massey Station, Second Floor Conference Room
516 West Loockerman Street, Dover, DE**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Terri Hancharick, Marie-Anne Aghazadian, Jean Butler, Dafne Carnright, Carma Carpenter, Janet Cornwell, Helene Diskau, Bill Doolittle, Karen Eller, Bernie Greenfield, Brian J. Hartman, Esq., Karen McGloughlin, Carrie Melchisky, Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Janella Newman, Bill O'Neill, Robert Overmiller, Ron Russo, John Ryan, Howard Shiber and Lavina Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Guests: Jane Gallivan, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS); Bonnie Hitch, Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC); Katie Jacobs, Parent; Janice Pendleton, Organization of Adult Alumni and Students in Service (OAASIS); Nick Rivera, Self-Advocate; Shawn Rohe, Parent; Al Rose, Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC); Nancy Widdoes, Office of Early Learning **Staff present:** Kathie Cherry, Office Manager and Kristin Cosden, Administrative Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nina Bunting, Al Cavalier, Nancy Cordrey, Cathy Cowin, Jane Donovan, Lisa Gonzon, Dave Hosier, Julie Johnson (leave of absence), Glenda Krause, Danna Levy, Chris McIntyre, Beth Mineo, Jennifer Pulcinella, Blake Roberts, Dennis Rubino, Joann Rogers, Brenné Shepperson, Marshall Stevenson, Ray Verlinghieri and Vanessa Withers-Little (leave of absence)

Chairperson Terri Hancharick called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Terri reminded Council to please keep sidebar conversations to a minimum. Terri stated that sidebar conversations create difficulties for members who have hearing impairments and make it difficult to hear the meeting details on the meeting recording, which affects the minutes.

Terri announced that Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) Executive Director Wendy Strauss could not attend the November 19 meeting due to illness.

A motion was made to accept the November 19, 2013 meeting agenda as written. The motion was approved.

Terri then asked if anyone would like to provide comments during the five minute public comment period. Robert Overmiller gave a brief update on the current issues surrounding accessible transportation in the State of Delaware. Robert shared information that he has gleaned from attending meetings and speaking with officials. Robert stated that he will continue to monitor this issue and will continue to advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities in Delaware.